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October Offers Kick-off for City Loose Leaf Collection and Fall Spruce-Up Week

Salisbury, NC_October 6, 2008 – Public Services Director Tony Cinquemani announced today that the City of Salisbury's Loose Leaf Collection Service for residents will kick-off the week of October 13. During the weeks of October 13, 20, and 27, collection will occur in all areas, including South Main to West Innes, North Main to West Innes, and all streets located east of Main Street. Cinquemani, who shares that the service is extremely popular with Salisbury residents, asks that citizens rake their loose leaves to the curb by 7 am on Monday to ensure collection for that week.

Citizens are asked to please not rake rocks, limbs, and other waste into the curbside leaf piles. Any matter, other than leaves, can cause extensive damage to the leaf machines and delay or prevent leaf collection. The leaf vacuum requires clear access to the leaves; parked vehicles and overhead obstructions will result in the inability to collect leaves. Cinquemani shares that the leaf vacuum process produces fine debris which may settle on nearby vehicles. City staff members are unable to clean vehicles on which leaf debris has settled.

In addition, Cinquemani notes that the City of Salisbury's Public Services
Department, in conjunction with the Community Appearance Commission, will
sponsor their annual Fall Spruce-Up Week from October 13-17. The fall clean-up
event offers the collection of residential appliances, tires without rims, and extra
bagged trash. Citizens are encouraged to place all items curbside before 7 am on
their regular garbage collection day. No building materials such as carpet, padding,
sheetrock, windows, lumber, commodes, or sinks will be collected. The Fall SpruceUp Week service is available to residents living inside the city limits of Salisbury only
and does not include collections from business locations.

Salisbury's scheduled Loose Leaf Collection Service will take place from October 2008-March 2009; an updated schedule of collection dates, by location, can be obtained by visiting the City of Salisbury's website online at www.salisburync.gov. Click on the link entitled 2008-2009 Loose Leaf Collection Schedule under the scrolling News information, located at the right of the city homepage. Monthly loose leaf collection schedules will also appear on Access 16, the local government TV channel, through March of next year. For more information with regards to loose leaf

collection or the Fall Spruce-Up Week event, please contact the Public Services Office at 704-638-5260 and speak with Niki Castor or Vickie Bennett.

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